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Lukaszuk makes stop in Didsbury

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

PC leadership candidate Thomas Lukaszuk made a campaign stop in Didsbury on July 8 after being invited by staff to stop by the seniors' facility that opened in April.

The former deputy premier and minister of skills, training and labour was invited to Bethany Care Centre and took the opportunity to talk about seniors' care and what he would do to improve it if he is elected premier in the September leadership vote. The voting begins on Sept. 6.

In an interview, Lukaszuk said seniors' issues are one of the main planks of his campaign and he felt it appropriate to make a stop in Didsbury. Lukaszuk said if he is elected premier, he will work hard to bridge the differences in seniors' care in urban areas and those in rural areas such as Didsbury.

Lukaszuk met with seniors, staff and management at Bethany.

"I wanted to have a good first-hand appreciation of what the challenges are and I got a really good tour of that facility, which is phenomenal," he said.

One of the challenges Lukaszuk heard about was that funding formulas aren't as reflective as they need to be to meet the needs of seniors

as they age, especially when they have multiple diagnoses.

"Our service providers find themselves in a position where they have to sort of borrow from Paul to pay Peter and somehow balance the level of needs in order to best meet and sometimes inadequately, in their opinion, the actual needs of seniors," he said. "The person that can best assess a senior's needs and capabilities and how much time a senior really needs are individuals who are actually delivering the service ... someone in Edmonton in an office cannot make that determination," he said.

As one example, Lukaszuk said it's easier for staff to dress a frail senior when the better choice would be to allow the senior to dress themselves, letting them be as independent as possible while also keeping their body and mind sharper.

Another area that should be looked at more closely, Lukaszuk said, is tailoring accommodations to better-fit seniors' needs. As an example, he said it makes no sense for a senior who is suffering from more serious forms of dementia to be housed in a room that has a microwave and a sink, because those items could pose a danger to that senior depending on the sever-

ity of their incapacity.

"And yet the code requires that there be a microwave and a sink," he said.

Lukaszuk said in light of a large diversity of seniors from different cultural backgrounds that may suffer from dementia residing in larger urban centres, he is looking at partnerships with cultural communities to perhaps provide a bridge to language, dietary and other aspects of that culture in seniors' facilities to meet the needs of seniors who have regressed.

"We need to be more sensitive to that," he said.

One of the other issues that is often a problem, especially in rural areas, is the distance between family members when one of them needs care in a facility while another can still live somewhat independently, often many kilometres away if Lukaszuk said even a couple live in the same facility, they are separated because of the single occupancy standard of rooms, which can be quite unsettling. Lukaszuk said more should be done to help seniors in those situations spend more time together.

"We have to start looking at creating facilities where one senior who requires care and another one doesn't, that they can still co-habit," he said.

said.

While Lukaszuk said the situation of adequate staffing doesn't appear to be an issue in Didsbury, in larger centres there is a shortage of adequately-trained staff for seniors' facilities.

Lukaszuk said it's important for the provincial government to maintain seniors' facilities in all parts of the



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RIDING IN STYLE • Kallecia Welsh of Olds rides around the arena during an English dressage demonstration at the Didsbury Horse Show at the Didsbury Ag Society Exhibition grounds on July 12. For more on the show see page 2.

Didsbury town council revises land use bylaw

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Councillors revised the town's land use bylaw at their July 8 meeting to require that owners of buildings that are designated as municipal historic resources take out a development permit before they do any improvements to their buildings.

First reading of the bylaw was given on June 10. Council gave the bylaw second and third reading following a public hearing at the July 8 meeting in which nobody from the public made comments

about the proposed changes.

Karen Henry, the town's manager of planning and infrastructure, said the purpose of the change was to allow the town to track any improvements done to buildings that are designated as municipal historic resources. Under the amendment, the town will forgo any revenue it normally receives when people apply for development permits.

"We had to remove those properties from the (development permit) exemption saying (repairs) do not require a permit. Our intention was to require municipal historic resources to get a development

permit to let us know when they're doing anything so now these properties don't have the exemptions that most properties do. For a normal building, you're not changing the footprint, you're not doing any structural work, so you don't need a development permit," she said.

Henry said the reason the town wants owners of municipal historic resources to take out a development permit is so the town will have a more complete record of any improvements made to buildings after they are designated as municipal historic resources.



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Horse show brings competitors from around Alberta

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Agricultural Society's 52nd annual horse show featured 139 participants from across Alberta and Saskatchewan in three days of competition from July 11 to 13.

Participants competed in jumping, English and western pleasure classes, dressage, equitation and the obstacle challenge in junior and senior categories. All the events were held at the Didsbury Agricultural Society grounds.

Olivia McPhee-Gill competed in the junior dressage competition. McPhee-Gill, 12, has been competing in dressage for the last five years, but she is learning with a new horse all the steps in dressage. She practised for about three months for her competition on July 12.

"We're working on basic things that I need to correct, to practise my test and go over what I need to fix," she said. "I'm trying to swing my hips a bit more with the horse and keep giving him impulsion," she said.

McPhee-Gill said trotting and cantering are two things she is working hard to master with her seven-year-old horse Leo.

"I find the more you learn and the more you practice, the more shows you go to, you get better and it's easier and not as nerve-wracking," she said.

McPhee-Gill said she enjoys dressage because it's at a more relaxed pace as opposed to jumping or other events.

"I never really wanted to jump a lot or go super-fast when I was younger, so I only ever really wanted to do (dressage) because I like the way the horses move and the way they look," she said.

Courtney Bell competed in equitation. Although she mainly competes in jumping, Bell said competing in equitation helps her in controlling the horse better and use that information to her advantage in the jumping events.

"In jumping, it helps to slow your horse down, bring them back so you don't knock over a rail and it also helps you lengthen your horse's speed to get your time so you don't get a fault," she said.

Coming to a show like the one hosted by the Didsbury Agricultural Society is good because riders get to learn how to ride new horses, Bell said. Bell was riding an unfamiliar horse, which was much slower than her own horse.

"Teamwork is really important because you have to know what your horse likes and how to adapt to what they like, so that you both come to a happy medium. It's basically based on trust. You have to know when to trust them and let them do their own thing," she said.



Photos by Noel West/MVP Staff
TOP LEFT: Marion Brown of Olds places a flag in a stand during an obstacle challenge at the Didsbury Horse Show at the Didsbury Ag Society Exhibition grounds on July 12. BOTTOM LEFT: Janey Rivard of Olds makes a jump during her run in the training hunter section on July 11. TOP RIGHT: Joanne Reader of Taber, Alta., competes in the training hunter section of the competition on July 11. MIDDLE RIGHT: Marissa Jenkins attempts to shoot a target with a bow and arrow from her horse during the obstacle challenge on July 12. BOTTOM RIGHT: Melanie McJanet received her first place award in the baby green hunter section on July 11.

Council asks MVSH for more information on Sundre project

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council asked the Mountain View Seniors' Housing board for a master service agreement between it and Alberta Health Services as well as "acceptable" business plans for MVSH's proposed Sundre project and MVSH's business plan as an

organization going forward.

The motions, put forward by Coun. Gail Nowlan, were passed at council's July 8 meeting.

Mayor Rick Mousseau said in an interview that council wanted to ensure that concerns that Disbury, Olds and Carstairs' councils have expressed in the past about MVSH's operations could be put to rest in the future.



Paul Frey/MVP Staff

CELEBRATION - Suzie Sachau enjoys a laugh with Cindy De Smit, a worker from Foothills Lodge in Sundre, during a 10th anniversary celebration for Aspen Ridge Lodge on July 11. Sachau accompanied her mother Jeanie Ewing, who is a Foothills Lodge resident. About 50 residents from lodges in Olds, Carstairs, Crossfield and Sundre joined the 62 residents in Aspen Ridge for the celebration. Five residents, including Gary Bogner, Angela Ciolek, Marj Jones, Millie McNeil and Winnie Wollen were recognized by Aspen Ridge manager Ronda Sandeski for being original residents still at the lodge. "We're very proud to have been here for years ... and coming to work in such a great place," Sandeski said.

"We wanted to make sure that Mountain View Seniors' Housing signs a service agreement with Alberta Health Services and (see) the business plan for the Sundre project. We just want more information to make an informed decision (on the Sundre project)," he said.

It's hoped that council will have the requested information from MVSH at its next meeting on July 22 when council could further discuss the issue.

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Editorial

No fair play at the plate



DAN SINGLETON

While ordinary Albertans may or may not agree that it's time for the province to bring in new licence plates, the fact that the plan has created a political fight between the PC and the Wildrose parties should surprise no one.

On July 8 the province announced that it was introducing new licence plates starting in the spring of 2015 – at a cost of about \$15 million.

The new plates will no longer carry the 'Wild Rose Country' slogan and will have the main colours of blue and orange.

The fact the old slogan just happens to be the name of the official opposition, albeit spelled Wild Rose not Wildrose, coupled with the fact the new plate colours are the PC colours has nothing whatsoever to do with politics, says Minister of Service Alberta Doug Griffiths.

"Our current licence plate is more than 30 years old and lacks features to help make our roads and communities safer," said Griffiths. "This new plate will make it easier to spot vehicles that are unregistered, uninsured, or stolen."

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills Wildrose MLA Bruce Rowe, who is his party's Service Alberta critic, says there's no question in his mind that the colouring and the removal of the 'Wild Rose Country' slogan are politically motivated.

"I think taking 'Wild Rose Country' off is purely political and there is no question about that," said Rowe. "Having it blue and orange, the PC colours, and taking 'Wild Rose' off it, I think the public is going to see the political point of it."

Rowe agrees that having new plates with reflective lettering is a good and needed change for the safety of Alberta motorists.

Albertans are being given a chance to vote online for one of the three proposed plate styles until Aug. 19. Unfortunately, none of the three choices offered up by the government include anything other than the quasi-slogan of 'alberta.com'.

With the next provincial election still two years away, the licence plate controversy between the PCs and the Wildrose will probably be long forgotten by the time voters head to the polls.

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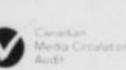
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Commentary

Court decision a victory for common sense

DR. RYAN MEILI

The Federal Court of Canada recently ruled that the Conservative government's 2012 cuts to healthcare for refugees were unconstitutional, going against Section 12 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which forbids "cruel and unusual punishment".

The court ruling is a victory for refugees, for those who work with them, and more generally for compassion and commonsense. But it is also a victory for a generation of newly-politicized healthcare providers in Canada who fought to reverse the deplorable change in policy from day one.

Canada has long been known as a safe-haven for refugees from around the world. For the past 50 years, refugees arriving here received access to healthcare services, including coverage for dental care, optometry and prescription medications. Given that people fleeing violence and oppression often emerge from long periods in refugee camps where no medical care is readily available, they typically have higher levels of illness.

In providing for this vulnerable population, the Interim Federal Health (IFH) Program reflected a kind and wise approach to providing healthcare to refugees of which Canadians could be rightly proud.

In 2012, however, the federal government, under then-Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada Jason Kenney, made sweeping cuts to the coverage, drastically reducing services for all categories of refugees (though they were eventually reinstated

for government-assisted refugees), and completely eliminating health services for certain categories except in cases of public health risk.

This meant that a refugee with tuberculosis might receive treatment, but not one who had diabetes or one who was having a heart attack.

The rationale given for these cuts was that they would make the system fair, improve public health and decrease costs. It's difficult to imagine something less fair than denying health services to someone who has just escaped oppression and violence. As for protecting public health and saving costs, denying people primary care means they are more likely to use our healthcare system later and when they are sicker. A sicker patient poses greater risk to those around them (for example, if they have an infectious illness), and treating more severe or worsened conditions costs more too.

Already, just two years in, the economic costs of this decision are also becoming apparent, with a study from Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital showing increased admissions and overall costs for caring for children since the cuts.

The reaction the medical community and other health professionals had to the IFH cuts, however, is encouraging. Their opposition was not limited to individual activists, but included official bodies such as the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian College of Family Physicians, the Canadian Nurses Association, Canadian Pediatric Society, Canadian Bar Association, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and many others.

Doctors for Refugee Care, an organization founded in response to the IFH cuts, took the lead on organizing the resistance from the medical community. It maintained consistent pressure through demonstrations, direct action techniques such as having physicians interrupt announcements by Conservative MPs to voice their opposition to the cuts, and through more official channels, including initiating the charter challenge that led to the recent court ruling.

But despite the outcry from healthcare providers, dozens of organizations and even provincial governments of different political stripes, the Conservative government dug in its heels on these cuts. Hopefully this ruling will finally result in the reinstatement of the IFH program.

The court decision is a victory for common sense and compassion in Canadian healthcare. It's also a sign of a new leadership emerging from within the health professions. Health professionals are becoming more vocal in advocating for better health policy, whether it be in health services to populations in need, or in promoting policies that address the upstream factors that determine those health outcomes.

This renewed focus on health for all, led by trusted voices from the people whose work it is to fight illness, bodes well for politics and broader wellbeing in Canada.

*Dr. Ryan Meili is an expert advisor with EvidenceNetwork.ca, the author of *A Healthy Society: how a focus on health can revive Canadian democracy* and founder of Upstream.*

Councillors ask for further clarification on CAO expense handling

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Administrators will bring back a motion regarding reporting of the chief administrative officer's expenses to a future council meeting after council rescinded a previous motion on the issue.

Council was asked and approved rescinding a motion at the July 8 council meeting to break out the CAO's

expenses in the same way that councillors disclose their expenses to the public. The previous motion was made at the May 27 council meeting.

In background material supplied to councillors, CAO Roy Brown wrote that after discussing the issue with Alberta Municipal Affairs, it was deemed the current practice of accounting for CAO expenses is appropriate.

Brown said that because the CAO is accountable to council only, his expenses should be treated differently and that if individual councillors have questions about CAO expenses, the CAO can provide that information directly to councillors while still accounting for the expenses among normal town operations.

Brown said if a member of the public wants to see a particular CAO expense, they can apply under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) to see the expense. Brown wrote that under some circumstances, portions of a FOIP request could be redacted if it dealt with sensitive information such as if the CAO met with representatives of the

Days Inn hotel group when the Travelodge, for example, was negotiating to bring a hotel to town.

Further, Brown wrote to council that CAO expenses are fully accountable because they must be submitted for proper authorization by at least two other members of town staff, including one member of the town's finance department. The CAO's travel

and subsistence budget is also approved by council annually and the CAO also reports to the public, through council, on the benefits of any conferences attended.

Mayor Rick Mousseau said council agreed to rescind the earlier motion but requested the item be brought back to a future meeting "to clarify the expectations of the CAO budget report."

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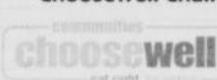
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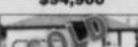
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Truck keyed

Somebody keyed or scratched the passenger-side door of a black Ford pickup, which was parked on the 2100 block of 22nd Ave, according to Cpl. Warren Wright.

The incident was reported to police on July 11, although it is thought to have occurred between Saturday, June 28 and Tuesday, July 1, he added, noting that the vehicle may not have been actually keyed, although it was very scratched in several areas.

Bikes stolen

Two mountain bikes were taken from a residence on Mary Place, sometime between Tuesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 3, said Wright. The first was a silver-coloured Giant-brand 15-speed bike, and the second was a fluorescent-coloured woman's mountain bike.

Wright noted that police are seeking anybody who may have noticed extra bikes laying around, and who may know who stole them.

Dirtbike stolen

A 2004 Honda CR125 was stolen from the back of a pickup truck

that was parked on 23rd Street, sometime between Sunday, July 6 and Monday, July 7, said Wright.

Police are seeking witnesses and information.

Combine vandalized

A John Deere combine that was left in a field a mile east of the Didsbury overpass was vandalized, said Wright.

The owner came out to find the machine riddled with multiple bullet holes from a rifle, he added.

The complainant reported a suspicious red pickup truck in the area, and police are seeking information from the public.

Council meetings to take place at 6 p.m.

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council decided at its July 8 meeting to move all future meetings to 6 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The new time will take effect with next week's meeting.

Mayor Rick Mousseau said there was some

discussion amongst councillors of potentially changing the time to a day meeting, but that was rejected because most of the councillors work.

It was agreed that moving the time up one hour to 6 p.m. would allow for as much discussion on council business as is necessary without going too late.

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Town council approves train station repairs

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council approved two motions related to work on Eldon Foote Hall during its July 8 meeting.

The motions were to approve a painting contract for the exterior of the building to Longhorn Painting for \$55,297 and that \$12,800 of the work would come from a grant the town received from the provincial government's Municipal Heritage Program.

Karen Henry, the town's manager of planning, explained that

the town applied for matching grants from the provincial government to undertake the work.

Because the hall is designated a provincial historic resource, the town was able to apply for a matching grant from the provincial government to do the work. Rather than receive half of the estimated \$66,597 from the provincial government to do the painting and repair the deck, railings and install new windows on the upper portion of the building, the grant only came in at \$12,800.

The town has budgeted \$40,000 for the repairs. Work

on scraping the old paint off and applying a new coat was to begin on July 14.

"We're still figuring out details of the other work we need to do (other than painting)," Henry said. "Because it's a provincial historic resource, we have many people with input, so when we sort out the other details of the work we need to do, then we'll apply for further grants."

Henry said she hoped work on the deck, railings and windows could get started later this summer and conclude before snow comes in the autumn. More

details regarding that work will be shared with council at a future meeting.

Mayor Rick Mousseau said in an interview that council felt the work should proceed sooner rather than later because it might cost more to complete necessary repairs if council waited any longer to approve the work.

"The work needs to be done so I guess we'll have to do it sooner or later. We'll do it sooner rather than letting it go for another year. It might deteriorate more than what it is now," he said.

Didsbury-area residents win at stampede

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Brian Coleman of Didsbury drove the winning team in the world championship six-horse hitch competition at the Calgary Stampede on July 6.

The win was Coleman's fifth at the six-horse hitch competition in Calgary.

"It always feels good to win at home. Stampede has an atmosphere like no other. It really does feel good to win here. It feels just as good every time," he said.

Coleman's Eaglesfield Percherons trains horses from around North America. This year Coleman drove a team owned by Brian Thiel of Pleasant Grove, California. Coleman had been working with Thiel's horses for about a year.

"We're working two sides of the horse. We want them to perform with lots of show and lots of athleticism and lots of energy, and yet, when they enter the centre of the ring they have to stand quietly. Some horses drive well. Some horses stand well, but you have ones that will do both," Coleman said.

This year, Coleman had two younger horses on the team he was training.

"You have to make sure, when you put a young horse in, that they're really ready. For older horses, it's second nature, but sometimes the younger horse might have to stop and think. If they have a successful outing it builds their confidence," he said.

In other stampede news, Jim Page, also of Didsbury, was the champion of the 3,825-kilogram to 4,500-kilogram tractor pull. Page used a 1955 John Deere 80, pulling the sled 66.76 metres to earn his way into the winner's circle.

Town implements new after-hours system

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Town of Didsbury has changed its after-hours emergency service to a new system.

On June 1, the town changed from a pager system for after-hours emergencies to a call centre.

When residents call the town's main number at 403-335-3391 they will be re-routed to a call centre where representatives from Intercon will answer basic questions about town services or forward the call to the appropriate town department.

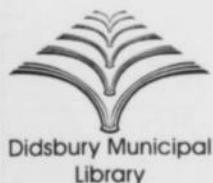
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Disc dogs show their chops

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Zero Gravity Disc Dogs were in Didsbury over the weekend competing for several spots at the world championships in several different categories.

The dogs took part in an up-dog challenge on July 11 involving both agility equipment and frisbees in which the dogs had one minute to go through the equipment and then catch a frisbee in one of four zones. Other dogs only caught the frisbee in

each of the zones without the equipment. On July 12 and 13, dogs were trying to qualify for the Skyhoundz world championships in Chattanooga, Tennessee in September.

"We have two different games (in the Skyhoundz competition). One is called freestyle and what the dogs do is tricks and flips and ... they go for 90 seconds ... and there is music while (the dogs) do their freestyle routine with the frisbee," said Marion Paulson, the event's coordinator, noting that the routine is

judged.

"The other is called distance and accuracy," Paulson said, noting that during distance and accuracy, dogs had one minute to catch frisbees and get as many points as possible. The dogs had to run into areas measuring three to six metres wide by 46 metres long and catch the frisbees.

Twenty-three dogs took part in the various games in the competition.

Each of the games in the Skyhoundz competition had two rounds, with the combined winner

of each of the rounds in each division qualifying for the world championship.

On July 13, six other games took place with winners qualifying for the Skyhoundz world championships.

Competitors came from as far away as Toronto and Washington state to compete, with others coming from around Alberta. The Didsbury competition was one of two in Canada in which dogs and their handlers could qualify for the world championships with

U.S. qualifying competitions also taking place for U.S.-based dogs and their handlers.

"The reason I brought it to Didsbury is this location (at Rosebud Park) is an awesome location. Other people use it for agility events. You can do everything here," Paulson said.

Tracy Prudden, a competitor from Port Orchard, Washington who has competed in disc dog events since 1986, said even though she is a seasoned competitor she is still learning with

Malinois, that is less than two-years-old. The Didsbury competition was Prudden's second competition with her new dog.

"I have a lot to learn with this dog. We have a lot of connections to make," she said, noting she was impressed with the Rosebud Park facility.

"I was impressed with a lot of the teams. Everybody has improved exponentially," she said.

Anyone interested in Zero Gravity Disc Dogs can check the group out on Facebook.



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Deanna Tatham's border collie Jake catches a disc during the pair's run in the advance sport section of the Skyhoundz Classic Open Qualifier event at the Rosebud Run grounds on July 12.



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Marissa Dewaal's miniature Australian Shepherd Crash makes a successful catch during the pair's run in the advance sport class.

U-14 boys come away with one win at provincials

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The U-14 boys soccer team came away from the Tier IV rural soccer provincial tournament with one win and two losses.

The team lost its first two games 4-0 to Sherwood Park and 3-0 to Hinton at the tournament in Vermilion from July 11 to 13. The team beat Peace River 3-2

in a shootout to claim seventh place in the tournament.

Coach Arno Wildt said he was happy with the way the boys played, never giving up and giving their best effort throughout the tournament.

"When you're playing teams out of bigger centres like Sherwood Park and teams who are travelling to city tournaments, they're playing a longer season than we do. We just have an eight-

game season plus playoffs but they have a regular season of 16 games plus tournaments so it is tough for little towns like Didsbury to get to those tournaments and be successful. But the boys, they were fighting no matter what the score was," he said.

Wildt said the players enjoyed the provincial tournament atmosphere and he said he hopes this success will lead to other Didsbury teams making a simi-

lar trip in the future.

"They had fun. There was a lot of great soccer (and) it was a positive experience," he said, adding that although the team never expected to go to the provincial tournament, winning the district to qualify for the tournament was a big success. "We are one of the top 10 teams (in Tier IV rural soccer) and it's an honour to get here to play."

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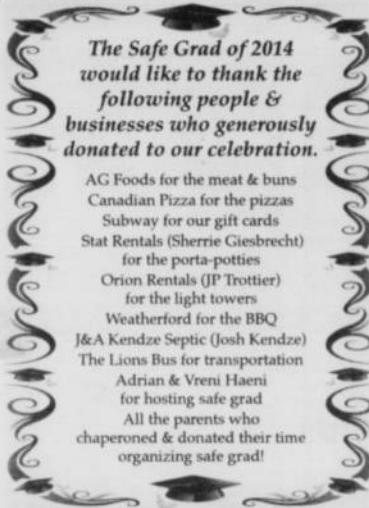
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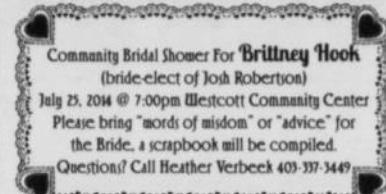
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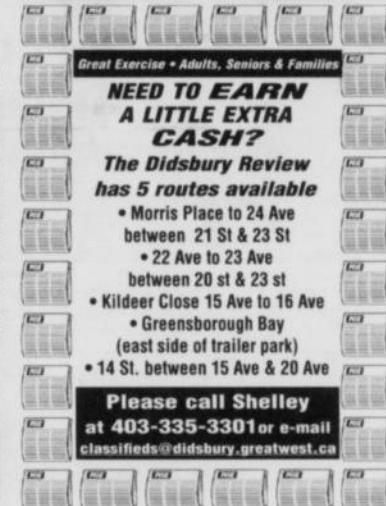
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